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SUBJECT: QRS CONSULTATIONS

1. AT INITIAL MEETING OF NTM SUBGROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" PROCEDURES WERE ESTABLISHED FOR BILATERAL AND/OR PLURILATERAL CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN COUNTRIES MAINTAINING RESTRICTIONS AND COUNTRIES NOTIFYING A DIRECT TRADE INTEREST IN THOSE RESTRICTIONS. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE QRS CONSULTATIONS HAVE BEEN HELD WITH ONLY 5 (AUSTRALIA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA) OUT OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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35 COUNTRIES THAT WE NOTIFIED. ALTHOUGH THE SLOW PACE OF

THE CONSULTATIONS HAS BEEN LARGELY DUE TO AGRICULTURAL PROCEDURAL MATTERS, WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT MORE CONSULTATIONS WITH COUNTRIES WHERE THIS IS NOT A PROBLEM CAN BE HELD IN ADVANCE OF THE MARCH MEETING.

2. AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE NTM SUBGROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" IT WAS AGREED THAT DELEGATIONS SHOULD ENDEAVOR, IN ADVANCE OF THE NEXT MEETING OF THE QRS SUBGROUP, TO SEND TO THE SECRETARIAT SUMMARY NOTES WITH RESPECT TO THE CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH THEY HAD PARTICIPATED AS EXPORTING OR IMPORTING COUNTRIES. WE BELIEVE WRITTEN REPORTS BOTH DESIRABLE AND NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT TNC CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION (MTN/W/24) THAT INFORMATION BE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS TO ALL HEADS OF DELEGATIONS AND CHAIRMEN OF GROUPS. WE, THEREFORE, SUGGEST MTN DEL PREPARE, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THE RESTRICTIONS WE NOTIFIED (I.E., AUSTRALIA, CANADA, COLOMBIA, NEW ZEALAND, SOUTH AFRICA). THESE REPORTS SHOULD CONTAIN THE ELEMENTS OF THE FORMAT WE PROPOSED AT THE LAST MEETING OF THE QR SUBGROUP (MTN/NTM/W/28). AFTER REPORTS HAVE BEEN PREPARED (AND COPIES SENT TO WASHINGTON) THE MTN DEL SHOULD SEEK AGREEMENT ON THEM WITH THE CONSULTING PARTNER'S COUNTRY SO THAT JOINT REPORTS CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT. HOWEVER, REPORTS SHOULD NOT BE SUBMITTED TO GATT SECRETARIAT AT THIS TIME.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REPORTS, OUR MAJOR AIM IS TO ENSURE THAT THEY INCLUDE, WITH AS MUCH DETAIL AS APPROPRIATE, BOTH THE ECONOMIC AND THE LEGAL JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH RESTRICTION.

4. IF OTHER COUNTRIES DO NOT PREPARE REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS ON U.S. RESTRICTIONS, WE SEE NO REASON FOR US TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO. IF OTHER COUNTRIES DO PREPARE REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS ON U.S. RESTRICTIONS, MTN DEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ENSURE THAT THESE REPORTS INCLUDE ALL ELEMENTS OF OUR PROPOSED FORMAT, PARTICULARLY OUR JUSTIFICATION FOR EACH RESTRICTION. KISSINGER

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